# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**NOVEMBER 2016** 

Happy Thanksgiving



# BHHC Fall Reception

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#### **SafeTrack** Service Reductions

#### **OCT 29 - NOV 22 | RED LINE**



**No Trains:** Fort Totten to NoMa-Gallaudet U.

**Closed:** Rhode Island Ave, Brookland stations.

**Shuttle Bus** Substitute service in effect.



SafeTrack is an accelerated track work plan to address safety recommendations and rehabilitate the Metrorail system to improve safety and reliability.

It accelerates three years' worth of work into approximately one year. The plan significantly expands maintenance time on weeknights, weekends and midday hours and includes 15 "Safety Surges" - long duration track outages for major projects in key parts of the system.

For more information visit:

http://www.wmata.com/rail/safetrack.cfm

# **General Election**

November 8, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm BHES Cafeteria

#### On the Ballot:

**US President** 

US Senator

PGC Board of Education Members State

**Ballot Questions** 

Prince George's County Ballot

Questions

(Question D: Changing Composition of County Council)

#### For more information go to:

http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2016/index.html



# **WSSC TO** REPAVE **STREETS**

Thanks to the efforts of Town Administrator Cowles and Interim Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, WSSC has agreed to resurface all Town streets that were dug up for the water main replacement project at no expense to the Town. This saves the Town approximately \$200,000. The resurfacing will likely take place within the next couple of months. Stay tuned for further announcements.

#### **DEBBIE MAYLAND**



Better known as the "Mary Poppins" of Berwyn Heights for providing childcare services to residents, died on Sun-

day, October 16, 2016. She was the beloved wife of Fred Mayland for 36 years; loving mother of Patricia Baca and Therese O'Connor; grandmother of Nyssa Baca, Courtney Baca, Soroya Rogers and Marie Rogers; sister of Kathy Trottnow, Donna Brizendine and Jerome Leckel. Services were held at BORGWARDT FUNERAL HOME in Beltsville, October 22 at 2 p.m. Interment private.

#### **Advertising Rates For the Berwyn Heights** Bulletin

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### Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! Email us your ideas at <u>bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com</u>.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday**, **November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

#### **Town Clean Up Day!**

Saturday, November 12 | 10 am - 12:30 pm

Free pizza & drinks provided to all volunteers! Community service hours available!

#### **Reasons to Volunteer**

- Your community needs you! Trash is quite visible in our small town. A not-so-fun fact is that litter doesn't
  degrade quickly; an aluminum can take hundreds of years to degrade and a plastic bottle more than a thousand.
  If we don't dispose of trash properly it will still be here for our great-great grandchildren.
- It's a great excuse to get some fresh air and exercise while doing something positive for our town.
- You'll feel good—picking up litter is surprisingly rewarding. It's satisfying to see a clean, rubbish free space.
- You'll help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept.
- You'll see your neighbors and maybe make some new friends, and your efforts will make a BIG difference.

#### Registration starts 10 a.m. at the Town Center

- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes.
- We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers).
- After two hours of cleaning, we'll enjoy pizza together.





https://facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

#### Recreation Council News & Updates



Saturday, November 12th: Town Clean Up Day The Berwyn Heights Rec Council invites you to "Help Keep Berwyn Heights Beautiful!" Join the Green Team during our annual Town Clean Up Day on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12pm.

Please arrive at the Town Center (5700 Berwyn Road) for supplies and assignments. Free lunch will be provided to all volunteers back at the Senior Center at noon.

For more details, refer to the GreenBee (Page 3) in this month's Bulletin.

# We would like to wish you all a...



#### Get involved & join the fun!

The Recreation Council is always looking for new members & ideas for our Community. Stop in for our monthly meetings, at 7:30pm the first Tuesday of the month at the Town Center or approach us at an event.

#### Saturday, December 3rd: Tis the Season!

The Recreation Council invites you to kick off the Christmas Season with the annual Holiday Party and Tree Lighting at the Berwyn Heights Senior Center, Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6-8pm.

Join us for this merry celebration filled with holiday crafts, caroling, holiday treats/refreshments, music by Phil Ventura, and a visit from the jolly one himself, Santa!

#### This event is FREE & is fun for the whole family!

We do ask that you consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the annual Marine Toys for Tots drive. Donations will be accepted at the Town Office leading up to the event.

Note: Toys for Tots is sponsored by the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve



# **C** Historical Committee

Join Us for

#### **ATHA News**

#### Heritage Center Open

Located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, the remodeled former church/movie theater/bowling alley will serve as tourist information center for our heritage area.

#### Riverwalk Trail Open

All sections of the Anacostia hiker-biker trail from College Park to Washington Harbor have been completed and are open for use.

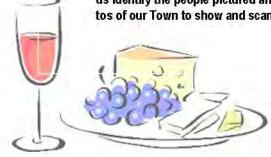
See https://twitter.com/atheritagearea

## Wine & Cheese Reception

#### November 13, 2:00 pm

Watch oral histories highlights video featuring interviews with long-time Town residents.

Also on display photo albums of Town organizations. Help us identify the people pictured and bring your own old photos of our Town to show and scan.



Next Meeting: November 22, 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room.

For information contact Kerstin Harper at <a href="mailto:kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>,







pecial Meeting September 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmember (CMs) Patricia Dennison. CM Christopher Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles (via telephone) and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

#### PGCPS proposed middle schools letter of support:

Mayor Jewitt said that this meeting was added to discuss a letter of support for building 2 new middle schools in northern Prince George's County proposed in the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Fiscal Years 2018-23 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The letter was added to the agenda of the regular September 19 worksession late and did not allow enough time for the Town Council to familiarize themselves with the issue.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that she drafted the letter over the weekend after she attended a public hearing on the CIP on Thursday night, September 15. Comments on the CIP are due this Thursday, September 22. The CIP funds 2 new middle schools: one in the Adelphi area and another in the Glenridge area, which will alleviate overcrowding in middle schools in northern Prince George's County. Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) moved its 6th graders into 3 temporary classrooms erected in the school parking lot this summer because there is not enough room in the main building. The students were supposed to attend middle school in 6th grade, but Greenbelt Middle School has no room for them.

In response to Mayor Jewitt, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said there is potentially a safety issue for BHES sixth graders as they walk across the parking lot where cars also drive. However, teachers are watching them. TA Cowles said that she will raise the issue at a breakfast with Councilmember Glaros, at which Schoolboard Member Lupi Grady and PGCPS CEO Kevin Maxwell will also be present.

Mayor Jewitt said that the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) co-chair Katie Curtis submitted a comment about overcrowding and pest problems at BHES, which does not bear directly on the CIP. Mayor Jewitt said that, before the letter is sent, she would like to get

the EAC's input on the middle schools and confirm the number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students housed in temporaries. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also requested Clerk Harper confirm the years mentioned in the letter (when BHES was built, when it closed and when it re-opened) are correct.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the letter of support with the above conditions. The motion passed 3 to 0. The letter will be signed and sent on Thursday morning by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

own Meeting September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison. CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Announcements

Mayor Jewitt announced that Councilmember Maria Robles resigned recently because she had to attend to pressing family matters. She expressed her intent to run again in the next election. The Council will interview candidates to fill the vacant position in executive session at the September 19 worksession.

Mayor Jewitt asked residents to remember on September 11 (Patriots Day) the many people who died in the attacks, as well as the heroes who helped save many lives. She also announced that the Town Council will undertake a strategic planning exercise on October 10, organized by University of Maryland consultants. As part of the exercise, the consultants plan to interview five residents to develop a vision for the Town. Interested residents are requested to submit their names to the Town Administrator by September 19.

#### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the August 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were ap-

proved 3 to 0.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for the month of August. She noted that the Town received a reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for expenses related to the January snow emergency in the amount of \$16,340.

#### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that Pepco has begun pruning trees in Town and will perform tree removals in October. Pepco is working closely with the Town to conform to the conditions set forth in the vegetation management permit approved by the Town Council in August. This Thursday she will attend a PGCMA meeting in New Carrollton and on Saturday, she will participate in an Emergency Management summit at Prince George's County Community College.

#### 5. Department Reports

of November 1.

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an update on the Prince George' County zoning ordinance rewrite effort. The County's Planning Department released Module 3 on zoning processes and subdivision regulations. This topic is important to municipalities because it will regulate how towns and cities interact with the County on approving new developments and subdivisions. The Planning Department has scheduled hearings to receive public comments, with the last one occurring on September 15 at the College Park Airport Operations Building. Citizens can also obtain information and comment at the M-NCPPC zoning website zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/. The Town Council will review the draft Module 3 carefully during the coming weeks and submit its comments before the due date

MPT Kulpa-Eddy also announced several other meetings of interest. Tomorrow night, she will attend a public hearing on the Prince George's County Public Schools FY 2018-2023 capital improvement plan (CIP), which has proposed funding for building two new middle schools in northern Prince George's County. The overcrowding in middle schools in this area has ripple effects down to the elementary schools. At Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES), three temporary classrooms were set up in the parking lot this year to house sixth graders because there is no room for them at Greenbelt Middle School. All parents of affected students and interested residents may want to make their

views known at this hearing. Further, County Councilmember Glaros will host the Parkdale High School College and Career fair on September 29, 5:30 p.m.

In Administration news, the new air conditioning units were installed. Pepco is in the process of pruning trees, and is adhering to the vegetation management plan approved by the Town Council, as evidenced by her observation of their work this morning on Ruatan Street. The audit of the FY 2016 budget is ongoing, and the Council is looking forward to a presentation by the human resources consultants at the next worksession giving an overview of revised job classifications and pay scales for Town employees, as well as an updated personnel manual and performance evaluation system.

Code Compliance: Mayor Jewitt said, in addition to its regular work load, the Code Department last month resolved the flooding issue in the 5600 block of Ruatan Street and ensured that all refuse containers in the commercial district are fenced in. She received a number of citizen comments related to code issues.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: Mayor Jewitt reported that BHES kicked off the school year with another successful "Hello Huskies" night. The Green Team will hold its garden party this Saturday from 3-5 p.m. and the Ice Cream Social follows on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Works:** CM Dennison reported that Public Works Director Cox is quickly learning the ins and outs of running his department and is recruiting for a new supervisor of operations to assist him. The 58<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue footpaths have been completed on time and within budget. The new air conditioning units are up and running and were financed in part with grant funds.

Public Health & Safety: Chief Antolik first reported for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. The BHVFD operated on 7 working structure fires and 3 complex vehicle extractions. Total station runs for August came to 423. In addition, the fire station's bunk room received a full renovation, with the main kitchen and gym next in line. BHVFD will commence its annual fund drive this month with a letter to all residents of Berwyn Heights, Westchester Park, College Park Estates and the Greenbelt Station development.

Officer Ramirez reported on "Coffee with Cops", an event she was in charge of organizing. It went well, with 15-20 resi-

dents attending. The Berwyn Heights Police Department plans to hold such an event twice a year. She then read some comments received during the gettogether, expressing thanks for BHPD's support and help with family members, and keeping the Town safe.

Chief Antolik next gave the police activities report for August. There was 1 assault and 1 theft for a total of 2 Part I offenses, which is below the 5-year average of 4.8. Year-to-date, there were 35 Part I offenses, as opposed to the 5-year average of 41.6. Officers also issued approximately 281 municipal and state citations and 171 speed camera tickets. 16 on Pontiac Street. Further, BHPD hosted the Prince George's County Chiefs of Police Association in August. New state mandates to publicize police departments' General Orders and Community Policing plans online were discussed. He is happy to report that BHPD already complied with the mandates. In addition, the Police Department's web page also has a new complaint/ commendation form, where residents can submit comments about the officers.

#### 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Green Team:** The Community Garden party will take place on September 17, 3:00 p.m.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper noted that the Historical Committee will hold their annual fall wine and cheese reception on November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mike Attick announced that the next NW/EP meeting will take place on October 5, 7:00 p.m. The Committee is seeking new volunteers to be trained to help their families and their community in the event of an emergency. He recently had a request to show the NW/EP trailer to the County's Office of Emergency Management training captain and the captain was impressed. Last Friday night, his car was one of 4 that were broken into, which may lead the Neighborhood Watch to run later patrols. September is emergency preparedness month and features a number of related activities, including a Citizens Preparedness Conference on September 17, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Prince George's Community College.

Recreation Council: No report.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

None.

#### 8. New Business

None.

#### 9. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, asked if Pepco is pruning around street lights while in Town. Mayor Jewitt said only those trees approved for pruning or removal to clear power lines will be worked on. Mr. Attick also asked if the Town has an updated list of Pepco pole numbers. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town Administrator should have such a list in her files, and encouraged Mr. Attick to report any trees interfering with street lights to the Town office.

Mayor Jewitt reported she received several citizen comments, including kudos for the renovation of the 58<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue footpaths, a thank you for bringing up the security cameras for Town buildings, a complaint about the school flashers on Pontiac Street, and reports of a clean lot violation.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented via phone that the intersection of Berwyn Road and Charlton Avenue has poor visibility and needs improvement for traffic safety, that the Town should consider providing recycling bins with wheels, and that the process of reporting issues to the police needs clarification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

#### orksession September 19, 2016

#### Executive Session (5:55 p.m. – 6:41 p.m.)

Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Town Administrator (TA) Cowles. On a motion by CM Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to interview and appoint a candidate for a vacant seat on the Town Council. The interview was held and the vacant seat offered to Gerald Shields. CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

#### **Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, MPT Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison and Chris Rasmussen. Also present were TA Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Victoria McGrath of McGrath Resources Group and citizens.

#### Presentation – McGrath Human Resources Group

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Victoria McGrath, CEO of McGrath Human Resources Group. Ms. McGrath said her consulting company has provided both public safety and human resources consulting services to 260 municipalities around the country. TA Cowles noted that the consulting firm was hired in a competitive bidding process. To date, the firm has completed a compensation and benefits study, drafted a revised classification and compensation system. (complete with revised job descriptions and performance evaluation system), and has updated the Town's personnel manual. Ms. McGrath has met with Town staff on multiple occasions and has had productive discussions.

Ms. McGrath gave an overview of the compensation study. The study compares the Town's wages and salaries to the external market and also makes comparisons within the Town's organizational structure. As the starting point, the consultant looked at the Town's current compensation schedule and how it was developed. Then interviews were conducted with all department directors and senior staff to learn about the types of positions existing in the departments, the related responsibilities and pay rates. This data was used to calculate an average compensation rate for each Town position. An average market compensation rate, or "compensation point," was determined from salary data collected for similar positions in 37 other municipalities and counties in the region, as well as from the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

The study found that the Town's salaries and wages have not kept up with the average compensation rates prevailing in the market. Only 2 out of 20, or 10%, of the Town's benchmark positions can be considered to be within the acceptable minimum/ maximum market compensation range, while 13 positions, or 65%, are below the average market range. When evaluating all positions within the Town's salary structure to surrounding comparable municipalities, the majority of the salaries are significantly below the average market rate. Without adjustment, the schedule will fall further behind the market and make it difficult for the Town to attract and retain qualified candidates.

The consultant recommends that the salary schedule be adjusted annually on the basis of acceptable performance evaluations. It is further recommended to

focus on those employees who are paid below the average market rate for their position, as it is the goal of a viable schedule to get all employees to the "position point." In addition, the salary schedule should be adjusted in January of each year for economic reasons, i.e. employees should receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to keep up with inflation.

In response to questions, Ms. McGrath explained that the compensation study did not take into account non-salary criteria in determining whether the Town's employees are paid appropriately. The municipalities and counties used for comparison, while generally larger, provide a viable reference point. Even if Berwyn Heights cannot match their salaries, the Town is competing with those cities in the labor market. McGrath Consultants is not recommending to match the salaries of larger cities but only to increase salaries to reach the minimum market range.

McGrath briefly discussed the Town's benefit package. Based on the limited comparison data obtained from surrounding municipalities, it was found that Berwyn Heights is on par with health insurance, dental and vision benefits. The health insurance plan recently adopted by the Town has a low co-pay, which may lead to excessive use. It is recommended that the Town monitor usage and educate employees about possible insurance premium increases due to excessive use. The Town's annual leave policy is not in alignment with the market. It is recommended to allow annual leave to accrue from the date of hiring, enhance the schedule of annual leave for general employees and add a separate schedule for directors. It is also recommended to provide annual leave and sick leave to regular part-time employees on a pro-rated basis, and to revise the pay-out policy.

Ms. McGrath continued that the Town's personnel handbook was updated to bring it into compliance with current state and federal law. The Town's senior staff gave extensive input on revising the handbook. In addition, the consultant produced updated job descriptions that better reflect the functions performed by each department.

In response to questions from the Council, TA Cowles said that the financial impact of the proposed compensation changes can be covered by \$30,000 budgeted for COLA and merit increases in FY 2017. She proposes to award a 3% COLA this fall, but omit merit in-

creases. Instead the remaining funds would be used to bring all employees, who are not currently paid the minimum market rate, to that point on January 1, 2017. To sustain this compensation schedule, it should be reviewed every year to ensure that pay rates remain within the market range. Those on the lower end of the spectrum could be paid higher increases than those who are already paid at or above the market rate. A system of paying within a range around the market compensation point is recommended because it gives the Town flexibility to adjust salary increases to revenue fluctuations due to economic conditions

An executive summary of the study is available at the Town office.

#### 2. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the August 15 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

#### 3. Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that a number of cars were broken into during the last week and valuables stolen. She cautioned residents to lock their cars overnight and remove all valuables. She attended the Green Team's garden party last Saturday and received a tour of the various plots residents are renting for \$30 a year.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she emailed a draft letter to the Council commenting on the FY 2018-2023 capital improvement plan of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). She hopes the Council could briefly review it and approve it for submission. The deadline for comments is September 22. The letter supports building two (2) new middle schools in northern Prince George's County which are proposed to be funded within the PGCPS Capital Improvement Plan. Currently, middle schools in the area are very overcrowded, which led to Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) sixth graders being housed in temporary classrooms in the BHES parking lot. Mayor Jewitt replied that she has not had time to review the CIP and would prefer to schedule a special meeting to discuss and approve the letter. This would also allow the Education Advisory Committee time to give input. The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued that she attended an Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group meeting, which promotes

expanding the network of hiker-biker trails into an alternative commuting option. The only issue that might be of concern to residents is the proposed addition of lights and call boxes along the trails to make them safe and useable around the clock. The Group plans to set up a special meeting with police chiefs and public works directors from member municipalities to discuss infrastructure and trails maintenance issues. Members are encouraged to promote and participate in "Car Free Day" on September 22.

CM Rasmussen noted that residents are allowed to plant corn in their front yards. CM Dennison reported that the Public Works Department continues to pick up trash and recycling. Mayor Jewitt said she received a comment expressing appreciation that their trash cans are returned to the curb in an upright position after pickup.

Mike Attick asked if the Town has a copy of the street light plan NW/EP drew up a few years ago. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will send him a copy. He also asked if the Council is looking into building a new police station. Mayor Jewitt said she has discussed space needs with the Chief and will continue to discuss the police station with TA Cowles.

#### 4. Action Items

Town Center rental extension requests: Mayor Jewitt said that there are 2 requests to extend the hours for renting the Town Center for a private party. Julia Umanzor requested a 1-hour extension past the normal 10:00 pm deadline, plus breakdown time for a family party with no alcohol served. Salvadore Pineda requested a 2-hour extension for a sweet sixteen party with alcohol served, plus breakdown time.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern that these applications, which were submitted in July, take too long to come before the Council. If the event is only two weeks away it is hard for the applicant to change their plans should the extension request be denied. TA Cowles said that multiple extension requests came in around the same time and were broken into two groups based on the date of the events. They are on the agenda today because the September 6 worksession was cancelled.

Mayor Jewitt said she generally hesitates to grant extensions because it is an imposition on the neighbors, especially if a D.J. is present and alcohol is served. CM Rasmussen proposed to extend both parties by 1 hour, plus 1 hour for breakdown, with the same restrictions as were

attached to the previous extension: music must be turned down and no alcohol served after 10 p.m. TA Cowles said that Administrative Assistant Odoi is working on revising the rental policy, which will come before the Council within the next couple of months. Mayor Jewitt moved and CM Dennison seconded to grant a 1-hour extension for both parties. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Legislative dinner date: Mayor Jewitt said that the Council is requested to set a preferred date and a backup date for the Town's annual legislative dinner with its delegates, so staff can reach out to the delegates and coordinate the dinner. November 29 was set as the preferred date, with December 1 as a backup date.

PGCMA legislative priorities: Mayor Jewitt said she attended the last PGCMA meeting, at which Air-bnbs, retaining a lawyer for the PGCMA, and the PGCMA budget were discussed. All member municipalities were requested to submit up to 3 topics as legislative priorities. The Council agreed to submit: 1) Airbnbs and other short-term rentals; 2) better communication between utility companies regarding their work plans; and 3) breaking up PGCPS into smaller districts.

**NW/EP trailer:** Mayor Jewitt asked Mike Attick, Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee, to provide the background on the acquisition and use of the emergency trailer. She would like the Town to develop a written policy on how the trailer can be used.

Mr. Attick said the Neighborhood Watch was formed in 1995 following the murder of a student near Lake Artemesia. The September 11 attacks and a tornado touchdown in College Park led to the establishment of an emergency preparedness committee and purchase of the emergency trailer by the Town in early 2003. Since then the trailer has been used to help keep the Town government and Senior Center operating during power outages, as well as for storm cleanups and training purposes.

Originally, Public Works was charged with maintaining and moving the trailer, while the Committee was charged with acquiring and maintaining the equipment in the trailer. One recurring issue has been who may drive the trailer to an out-of-town event during the weekend, when DPW crews are not available. A former Councilmember researched the issue and found that NW/EP members could drive the trailer, if the Council approved

the trip. NW/EP makes it a point to always inform the Town when the trailer leaves Berwyn Heights and to have a member go out with the trailer. The Berwyn Heights NW/EP is on the FEMA call list, and has been used as local backup during national emergencies.

In discussion, the Council made the following points: 1) confirm whether NW/EP's participation in a FEMA call list is governed by an MOU through Prince George's County; 2) clarify whether or how NW/EP members are covered by the Town's insurance when they take the trailer on the road; 3) define the purposes for which the trailer may be taken out of Berwyn Heights; and 4) clarify policies and agreements governing the movement of the trailer, for review and formal adoption by the Council.

Mr. Attick was requested to ask the NW/EP Committee to draft a set of the policies and procedures for the use of the trailer. TA Cowles will check with LGIT about insuring NW/EP members.

**Legislative calendar:** Mayor Jewitt reviewed a proposed timeline for adopting impending legislation.

- Adopt new pay plan and employee handbook at October 12 Town meeting;
- Amend Ordinance 120 Rental Housing at the December 14 Town meeting:
- Amend Ordinance 122 Urban Forest by the March 8, 2017 Town meeting.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked to schedule the adoption of a Charter Amendment redefining the Town's boundaries before the end of this year. CM Rasmussen said in order to adopt the Urban Forest Ordinance, it must first be determined if a new Shade Tree Board will be established and how it would be staffed.

Strategic planning workshop – stake-holder interviews: TA Cowles explained that the consultants facilitating the Town Council's strategic planning workshop plan to conduct interviews with 5 community stakeholders prior to the workshop. These could include community leaders, business owners, County officials, and Town staff, who would be asked about the Town's strengths and weaknesses and emerging opportunities and threats. The Council selected the following interviewees and alternates: Beer Barn as business owners (X-Tra

Fuels); Danielle Glaros as non-Town elected official (Judith Davis); Ache Corrillo (Katie Curtis); Maria Robles (Beth Brittan-Powell); Brad Jewitt (Dick Ahrens): and Sharmila Bhatia, if another backup is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. Kerstin Harper,

Town Clerk





#### **OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES**

#### **English Speaking**

(877) 737-2662

Downed Wires, Burning Wires

or Life-Threatening Situations

(877) 737-2662

Power Outages, or

Street Light Outages

(Need Pole Number

and nearest Address)

#### Hard of Hearing (TTY)

(202) 872-2369

#### **Spanish Speaking**

(202) 833-7500

#### **Customers with Emergency Medical Equipment**

(202) 833-7500

To Register for Priority List

You can also report and

check on outages online at:

http://www.pepco.com/

### STEP AEROBICS DROP-IN • SIGN-UP

#### Berwyn Heights Community Center

6200 Pontiac Street Berwyn Heights MD 20740 301-345-2808 | www.pgparks.com

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6:00P to 7:15P

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Tell the Prince George's County Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY. **CALL 911.** 





### Public Works Newsletter November 2016

Curbside leaf collection begins Tuesday, November 1 and ends Friday, December 30, holidays excluded



The leaf collection program is one of the biggest challenges for your Public Works Department. It means staying ahead of Mother Nature's blend of falling leaves in large volumes, rain washing leaves into the streets and possible blankets of snow covering leaf rows.

Residents who prefer to rake and bag their leaves for pickup may do so using brown <u>paper lawn</u> <u>bags</u> only. Bagged leaves will be picked on yard waste collection days.

#### Reminders

- Please rake your leaves to the curb or to an existing sidewalk, but NOT into the street.
- Do not mix loose leaves with sticks, rocks, trash or debris, as they can damage the leaf machine.
- Do not mix loose leaves with branches. They are collected and disposed separately.
- Do not park cars in front of or near leaf piles, as this hampers access by the leaf machine.
- Be advised that it takes approximately 2 weeks to complete a round of leaf collection in the Town.

#### New Administrative Assistant Hired

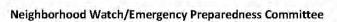
Please welcome Tracy Jones as the new DPW Administrative Assistant. Ms. Jones retired from the federal government where she worked for the FBI and the Department of Education. Currently, she is a realtor with Coldwell Banker.

#### Thanksgiving Week Trash Collection

Town offices will be closed on November 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Below is the revised schedule.

Date	Collection Type	Side of Town
November 21, 2016	Garbage and Yard Waste	North Side
November 22, 2016	Garbage, Yard Waste	South Side
November 23, 2016	Recycling	Entire Town
November 24, 2016	Thanksgiving	No Pickup
November 25, 2016	Town Offices Closed	No Pickup







# BE PREPARED AND STAY SAFE THIS WINTER: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SNOW

If you shovel your own snow, have your tools and supplies handy: **shovels, snow blowers, and rock salt should be ready before the season**. If you hire someone to do the job for you, make those arrangements early.

Per Prince George's County Code, you are required to **remove** snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to your property within **48 hours** after snow has fallen or ice has formed.

If you know of a neighbor who is unable to shovel snow or remove ice from their sidewalks, please do the neighborly thing and try to help out.

If you have a driveway, park in it. This protects your car from being splashed by salt spray, becoming plowed in, or being struck by a skidding vehicle. The more cars off the street, the better the job Public Works can do clearing the streets.

When shoveling, **do not throw snow into the road** - it will only be re-deposited when the snowplow comes around again. Also, a patch of snow or ice on a clear road can be a hazard.

#### Be Careful!

Remember, snow shoveling is hard work.

- **Don't overexert yourself** and strain muscles that aren't used to strenuous exercise.
- If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.
- Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Your shoulders, torso and thighs can do the work for you.
- Also, be aware of cold injury, hypothermia (loss of body heat), and the effects of frostbite.

And don't forget... please help our firefighters by clearing the fire hydrant in your yard/public right-of-way near your home. Clear a 3 foot radius around fire hydrants.



#### Download the 'Maryland Prepares' Mobile App

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# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department





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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

#### Winter Fire Safety Tips:

Most home fires are preventable. According to the National Fire Protection Association, it's not too early to protect your loved ones and your home from fire damage, by simply following sensible suggestions. Follow these tips this winter to keep your home safe!

- 1. Have your chimneys and vents checked. Fireplaces produce creosote which can ignite. If you light fires frequently, you need a chimney sweep service once a year.
- 2. Test smoke alarms. Make sure batteries are fresh. Place smoke alarms in the kitchen, laundry room and in bedrooms.
- 3. Cover the fireplace with a screen. Tempered glass or a metal screen helps protect sparks from leaving the fireplace.
- 4. Beware of lit candles. Candles can set the mood for relaxation, and that's how they get forgotten or knocked over by kids or pets. Light candles only when you're around to watch them and blow them out when you're ready to leave the room.
- 5. Beware of space heaters. The name should give you a clue space heaters need space- about three feet in each direction. Don't put space heaters near curtains, tablecloths or other fluttering
- 6. Know how to put out kitchen fires quickly. Water doesn't help a greasefire, which can get out of control.

fabrics.

Keep salt and baking soda on hand to sprinkle liberally on pan fires. Keep lids handy to put on top of pots and pans that get too hot

7. Fire extinguishers can be life-savers. Store one under the kitchen sink, and in the hall closet near the bedrooms. Make sure you use the correct setting -- A for paper, wood and trash; B for grease and flammable liquids; C for small electrical fires.

#### **FUND DRIVE IN PROGRESS!**

BHVFD would like to remind residents that our Annual Fund Drive mailer is in full swing, and all residents living in Berwyn Heights, Westchester Park, College Park Estates, and the Greenbelt Station Development should have received a packet in the mail on how to donate. Please direct all questions and concerns to: KSnyder@BHVFD14.org This year's fund drive is important as the Department prepares to replace its 1989 Reserve Rescue Squad and equipment. Thanks to those who have already donated!



#### 2016 Christmas Tree Sale

It's almost that time of year!

Again this year at the Firehouse BHVFD will be selling Christmas Trees from late November until Christmas Eve (or sold out!). BHVFD has ordered 300 Frasier Furs ranging from 5-8 feet high. Prices will be in the December Bulletin page. All proceeds benefit BHVFD. Thanks to sale's popularity we have sold out early four years in a row!

Free delivery to Town residents!

#### **BHVFD Coat Drive in Progress!!**

BHVFD is hosting a used coat drive & fundraiser during October,
November & December of this year. Please drop off any gently used coats
to the Fire Station during this time! Coats will be cleaned and taken to area
non-profits for distribution.

For more information email: Ksnyder@BHVFD14.org

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Station 14 Call Volume Sept 2016		
Rescue Squads:	109	
Ladder Truck:	96	
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	13	
Ambulance:	212	
Total Station Runs for SEPT 2016:	430	



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Home Pricing mistakes and how to avoid them:

- Chasing the market-list too high, you may have to make incremental drops & never catch up w/the market.
- Over pricing because you have "time"-sell for more, by pricing at 1-3% below mkt.
- Getting emotionally involved-Stay objective. Buyers won't have the same sentimental feelings as you do. Don't be offended by low offers, comments/quick showings.
- Hire the right agent- I can back up my sales/listings/prices & have many, many references.

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

#### \*\* THANK YOU! \*\*

The Walkathon was a sensational success! Thank you to the entire Berwyn Heights community for your generous support and contributions! The donations are still trickling in and we will post a final tally soon.

The students had a wonderful day walking to the lake and back. The money raised will enable the PTA to provide lots of extra opportunities for our students.

Thank you to BHES' awesome kids who make it all worthwhile!

Thank you to all the parents who took time out to walk with us!

Thank you to the teachers and administrators who allow us to disrupt an entire school day every year.

Huge thank you to the local businesses who contributed. A full listing of the businesses who supported the Walkathon will be included in next month's bulletin.

Thank you to the volunteers without whom the Walkathon would never happen!



#### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, November 1
PTA Meeting in the library
6:45pm

Tuesday, November 8 No School – Election Day

#### Friday, November 11

No School – Veterans Day & Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### Friday, November 13

First Quarter Report Cards Released

Wednesday, November 23-Friday November 25

No School – Thanksgiving

#### It's not too late to join the PTA!

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family. Visit the PTA web site at www.BHESPTA.org.

Like us on Facebook (search for **Berwyn Heights ES PTA**)!

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#### **BULLETIN BOARD**

House Cleaning: Berwyn Heights resident since 2000 - with 25 years professional house cleaning experience and takes pride in the work done looking for new clients. References in Town and out of town are available. Please give me a call and let me help tackle the house cleaning for you. Free estimates. Please call (301) 474-3024.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. Follow us on Twitter: <a href="twitter.com/BHeightsGOP">twitter.com/BHeightsGOP</a> and Like Us on Facebook: <a href="twitter.com/BHMDGOP">twww.facebook.com/BHMDGOP</a>.

**STRESSED!!!** Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

**Tutor:** Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, <a href="mailto:kathybrosh@gmail.com">kathybrosh@gmail.com</a>. References available.

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**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

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Now that Fall is here, come to the Center, get a cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

November 2 Gayle Hillery

November 13 Zyrkie Eley

November 14 Ray Smith

November 26 Judith Gardiner

#### Happenings

**REDSKIN FOOTBALL** Come watch the game on Sunday, November 13, and share a pot luck late lunch. Game time is 1:00 P.M.

**MEAL AND** 

PLAY On November 11. A meal at a local restaurant, followed by the MAD Production of "Oklahoma," by the Goddard Music and Drama Club.



#### **BREAKFAST** at

the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

#### **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday

At 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS— Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. On the Fourth Tuesday, November 22, the Club is providing Pizza.



On the Second Monday in November, the 14th, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.,

Representatives from the Prince George's County Library System will be here to do crafts, make greeting cards, play cards, etc.

WHY NOT JOIN US!



#### POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the

month of **September 2016**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

09/09/2016 at 11:55 pm, Cpl. Ignowski and Pfc. Ramirez responded to the area of 60<sup>th</sup>. Avenue at Greenbelt for a report of an accident between two vehicles. Investigation revealed that one of the driver involved was driving while under the influence of alcohol. The driver was identified as Mr. Chris Hernandez, a 19 y/o, Latino male of Berwyn Heights, MD. In addition, he was driving on a learner's permit. Aforementioned subject was arrested and charged with DUI. Both vehicles were impounded.

<u>09/11/2016</u> at 1:00 am, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of theft from a 2006 Infinity. Perfume, bag, bedding and money were taken.

<u>09/11/2016</u> at 8:52 am, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Place for a tampering with a vehicle complaint. Unknown person(s) rummaged through a 2006 Honda.

<u>09/11/2016</u> at 10:02 am, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8700 block of 62nd. Avenue for a tampering with a vehicle complaint. Unknown person(s) rummaged through a 2005 Toyota.

<u>09/11/2016</u> at 12:23 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Place for a theft from a 2004 Saturn. Two cellphones were taken.

09/11/2016 at 12:30 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6100 block of Quebec Place for a tampering with a vehicle complaint. Unknown person(s) rummaged through a 2012 Jeep.

09/11/2016 at 12:33 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6100 block of Quebec Place for a tampering with a vehicle complaint. Unknown person(s) rummaged through a 2008 Nissan.

09/11/2016 at 12:33 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6100 block of Quebec Place for a theft from a 2008 Hyundai. A nose clipper was taken.

09/11/2016 at 12:37 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Avenue for a tampering with a vehicle complaint. Unknown person(s) rummaged through a 2010 Mazda.

09/12/2016 at 4:50 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Avenue for a theft from a 2009 Toyota. Apple I-pod and money were taken.

09/13/2016 at 9:37 pm, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of Edmonston Road for a theft complaint. Victim, a 39, y/o, w/m, invited a w/m into his home to employ him for a massage. After service was rendered, the victim claims that his credit card was missing.

<u>09/14/2016</u> at 7:35 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of 63rd. Avenue for a theft from a 2009 Acura. Unknown person(s) removed the airbag from the vehicle.

<u>09/14/2016</u> at 8:38 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the area of 58th. Avenue near 193 for a report of damaged property. Investigation revealed that a b/m threw a bottle through the back window of a 2013 Ford Van while the vehicle was stopped at the traffic light.

<u>09/14/2016</u> at 9:30 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of 63rd. Avenue for a theft from a 2012 Honda. Unknown person(s) removed the airbag from the vehicle.

09/16/2016 at 1:55 pm, Pfc. Ramirez responded to the X-Tra fuel located at 5919 Greenbelt Road., for a till-tapping complaint. Suspect, a B/M entered the store and removed money from the register.09/17/2016 at 8:10 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a damage property report.

09/20/2016 at 3:18 pm, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 6000 block of Quebec Street for a report of a W/M with a rifle sitting in a car by the Berwyn Heights Elementary School. The subject was located and identified. Investigation revealed that the rifle was a pellet rifle and he had retrieved it from his girlfriend's house near the school.

09/22/2016 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Krouse

responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a hit and run complaint. A short time later, Det-Sgt. Unger located the fleeing vehicle abandoned at the location of Ruatan Street near 60th. Avenue. The suspect's vehicle was impounded and investigation continues.

09/23/2016 at 6:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of a miscellaneous incident. A 35 Y/O, B/F was at the location for medical treatment and during a blood drawing procedures, the staff of the facility struck himself with the needle and bled on her.

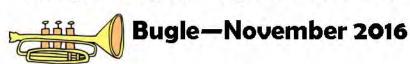
<u>09/26/2016</u> at 9:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6000 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a stolen motorcycle.

09/27/2016 at 11:30 am, Cpl. Krouse recovered a stolen 2002 Acura from the location of 60th. Avenue at Ruatan Street. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was involved in a hit and run which occurred on 09/23/2016. The owner claims that her vehicle was taken from Washington DC. Investigation by Cpl. Krouse later revealed that the owner made a false report of her vehicle being stolen because she did not want her boyfriend to get in trouble. The driver was identified and charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

09/27/2016 at 1:52 am, PG County officers responded to the Checkers fast food restaurant located at 6251 Greenbelt Road, for a report of a commercial armed robbery. Upon arrival, the victims advised that they had closed for the night, completed clean up, and were preparing to go home. Victim opened the door to exit the restaurant. The suspect grabbed the door, as victim started to exit. The suspect brandished a silver colored semi-automatic handgun and told victim to go back inside. The suspect took dollars in bills of various denominations and rolls of change to include gold dollar coins. The suspect fled on foot, with the money, through the parking lot toward Cunningham Drive. This case is being investigated by the County Robbery Section.

09/28/2016 at 9:48 am, Cpl. Krouse and the Chief of Police responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a check on the welfare of a 29 Y/O, W/F who had been sending text messages to a friend's indicating that she wanted to commit suicide. The female was located and transported to the Prince George's Hospital for Evaluation.

#### Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



The BHBGC Fall Festival was a success and we thank everyone who ventured out in the rain to come by & support our club! We thank our board members and volunteers who continue to selflessly give their time and effort to keep our Boys & Girls Club alive through coaching, mentoring, fundraising, and much more! And last but certainly not least, we must extend a very special THANK YOU to our AMAZING SPONSORS for this event! We encourage you to check them out!



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1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Creek 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Rachel Cicero at (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserver.





Annual Giant Yard Sale Saturday, November 12

8 am - 3 pm Holy Redeemer Church 4902 Berwyn Rd - College Park

Harvest Bazaar (Nov. 11 & 12)

Friday 5 - 10 pm & Saturday Noon - 6 pm Games, Crafts, Bake Sale, White Elephant, and more!

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> Friday Dinner 5 - 7 pm Surf and Turf Saturday Dinner 5 - 7 pm Taste of Italy

#### Saturday Special Events

Noon - 2 pm: Boys Scouts' Chicken Barbeque

Live Auction - 7:30 pm

Visit our Website: parish.holy-redeemer.org - Bazaar



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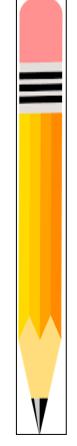
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Holy Redeemer Yard Sale & Bazaar	21
Holy Redeemer	20
Aaron Linchuck, D.D.S.	22
Sharon McCraney, Long & Foster Realty	14
Miller Farms, College Pk Farmers Market	25
Bob Neri, Century 21, Trademark Realty	20



# BHEAC EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets November 17 at 7:00 pm Town Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### All are invited.

The BHEAC organizes the community
to improve
educational options
for all Berwyn Heights
students.



Since 1988, we have been privileged to serve many local communities.

Now residing in Berwyn Heights, we offer the following services for both Residential & Commercial:

- \* MOWING & MULCHING
- \* DESIGN & INSTALL
- \* PLANTING & SEEDING
- \* YARD CLEAN-UPS
- \* HEDGE TRIMMING
- \* LEAF REMOVAL
- \* GUTTER CLEANING & MORE

ask for Michael FREE ESTIMATES

301-580-1264
BerwynLawnCare@gmail.com

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# NEWS

# SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	1
Clean Lot	9
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	0
Non-Hazardous	3
Vehicles	1
Premise Identification	0
Commercial	1
Total Violations	16
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	3
Dumpster/ PODs	1
Total Permits issued	4
Rentals	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	193
Inspections	15
Re-inspections	2
Fines	1
Rental Licenses Issued	20
Vacant Homes	7

#### **REMINDERS**

**NOV 1: Curb-side leaf collection starts**Please see DPW page for dos and don'ts.

NOV 12, 10 am: Town-wide cleanup.

Join the Green Team in semi-annual litter pickup.

NOV 24-27, Thanksgiving. Town offices closed

Please do not place trash bins at the curb.

#### **LEAD-FREE CERTIFICATE FOR RENTAL HOMES**

All rental properties built before 1978 must have a LEAD-FREE CER-TIFICATE from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). **The annual registration fee is \$30.00 per unit**. A new lead inspection certificate is required for any turnover in tenant or change of occupancy. Rental properties built after 1977 are exempt from registering.

Registration requires a tracking number, completing application, and obtaining a LEAD-FREE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE. To obtain a tracking number please call MDE at 410-537-4199, or 800-776-2706. To register online, please visit the MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, LEAD REGISTRATION web page.

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Boys & Girls Club**

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Vice President: Angela Wolfinger

angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

Registrar: Leslie Wolfinger

leswolfinger@gmail.com

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

T- Ball Commissioner:

James Johnson

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

301-474-2737

#### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich

mweinrich2@verizon.net

Co-Chair Michael Attick

mikeattick@verizon.net

#### **Historical Committee**

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000 Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

#### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

#### **Playgroup**

Rachel Cicero

rachelcicero55@gmail.com

#### **Quilter's Club**

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

#### **Recreation Council**

Susan Jones

violindreams@verizon.net

Theresa Beck

beck\_theresa@yahoo.com

#### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

#### **Green Team**

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115 therese@celticclans.com

#### **BH Elementary School PTA**

Chris McComb

President@BHESPTA.org

#### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881 Brett Bentley 240-678-9103 Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com





# Shauna Aurich – realtor

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As a resident of Berwyn Heights for over 50 years, I know OUR TOWN, and have been in real estate for over 13 years.

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#### SHAUNA AURICH LONG & FOSTER — REALTORS

Cell: 301-343-7370 or Office: 301-441-9511

Email: Shauna@LNF.com

#### **CURRENT LISTING:**

8422 57th Ave., Berwyn Heights

#### **UNDER CONTRACT:**

4902 52nd Place, Hyattsville

#### SOLD:

961 Mount Holly Dr., Annapolis









# November 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 30	Staff Mtg. Staff Mtg. Town Offices Close at 1:45 PM	7:30 PM Rec Council Meeting G. Love Room	7:00 PM NW-EP Meeting G. Love Room	3 N S	4	5
6	7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	YOUR VOTE COUNTS Election Day	9 & 8:00 PM Town Meeting Town Office	10 10 5	11 Town Government Closed Veterans' Day	12 10:00 AM Town Wide Cleanup
132:00 PM BHHC Wine And Cheese Reception Town Ctr.	14 🕅 💌	15 🗐 🕵	16 🍮	7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee Town Ctr. 2nd Floor 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	18	19
20 Street Sweeper	7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	7:30 PM SHHC Meeting	23 🚓	Thanksgiving Day—Town Govt. Closed	25 Town Government Closed	26
27 Street Sweeper	28 🕅 🙉	29 🗟 🥦	30 😂	Dec 1	2	3
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#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue ..... (301) 352-1200 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331 Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897 Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018

Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call-a-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 513-9331

#### **Mayor and Council**

Cheryl Jewitt (240) 472-6835 cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov

Mayor — Public Safety/Health

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516

Mayor Pro Tem — Administration

Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759

Councilmember — Public Works

Christopher Rasmussen (612) 940-8510

Councilmember — Code Compliance

Gerald Shields (504) 250-2040

gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays South of Pontiac...... Tuesdays & Thursdays

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### **Town Helpline**

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email? **Email Town at** contact@berwynheightsmd.gov Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### **Watch Council Meetings**

jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov

pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov

crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov



On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M. 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M. 3rd most recent mtg: Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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